

Shall I ever forget going with her one night to a regimental reception! The colonel was one of our best friends, and the regiment was just leaving for the field. Nanon was an enthusiastic patriot; it cut her to the heart to think I was lame and could not go with the rest, though she declared she was glad of it and at times perhaps she was. All we could do was to afford aid and comfort to

thanked the Lord, with Pharisaic fervor, that she never indulged in either. Now, I like women generally; their society is agreeable, their dainty ways pretty to behold, their tricks and their manners infinitely amusing; and I think that a beautiful girl is the nicest thing in the world. I love to study the pictures these sweet creatures present; the wavy gloss and golden puffiness of their hair, the softly

debted and reconciled to that wonderful organ. A year or two after the small-pox affair, Nan's old grandmother, a decrepit Frenchwoman of ninety, died in Paris; and in a fit of pique left all her money and jewels to Nan's mother, whom

well known weakness of the sex, told Nan to sit in the parlor till I came back, and with shame on my countenance and a lie on my tongue, represented to the clerk that my wife was feeble and very

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